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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, VE, US  
SUBJECT: PEREZ STATE VISIT: NOBEL LAUREATES

REF: CARACAS 4497

1. POST WISHES UNDERScore IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR A PROGRAM IN WHICH RECENT US NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS WOULD VISIT VENEZUELA AND CONSULT WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES. JUST AS LINCOLN SCHOLAR PROGRAM (ADMINISTERED BY BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS) WAS CREATED TO MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FULBRIGHT-HAYS MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACT, SO WOULD THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM MARK STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TO US AND IN THE PROCESS PROVIDE TANGIBLE AND DRAMATIC EVIDENCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S APRIL 14 PROMISE OF CULTURAL INITIATIVES (STATE 96982). ATTENDANCE OF NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS AT WHITE HOUSE DINNER FOR CAP WOULD HIGHLIGHT US COMMITMENT TO LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROGRAM COULD BE MADE IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S TOAST.

2. POST THEREFORE FORMALLY PROPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL ONE-YEAR PROGRAM IN WHICH US NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS  
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WOULD COME TO VENEZUELA FOR TWO-WEEK PERIODS OF CONSULTATION AND VISITS.  
AMONG MOST LOGICAL NOMINEES FOR THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE  
(A) NORMAN BORLAUG, AWARDED PRIZE FOR HIS WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND WHO WOULD FIND NATURAL VENEZUELAN COUNTERPARTS IN VENEZUELAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION (CONICIT), HEADED BY DR. PEDRO OBREGON,

VENEZUELA'S LEADING CEREAL AND GRAINS EXPERT; (B) PAUL SAMUELSON AND WASILY LEONTIEFF, BOTH IN ECONOMICS, WHO HAVE DEVELOPED TIES WITH GOV AND PARTICIPATED IN REAEARCH FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AS WELL AS STUDIES OF HUMAN RESOURCE UTILIZATION; (C) SAMUEL C.C. TING AND BURTON RICHTER, BOTH IN PHYSICS, WHO COULD ASSIST VENEZUELAN INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION (IVIC) IN RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED ITS CARACAS FACILITIES, REPORTEDLY MOST ADVANCED AND BEST-EQUIPPED IN LATIN AMERICA. IVIC IS ONE OF FEW ADVANCED RESEARCH UNITS OF LATIN AMERICA WITH NUCLEAR REACTOR ON ITS GROUNDS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY AGREE ABOVE-PROPOSED PROGRAM CARRIES ITS OWN INHERENT VALUE AND THAT DIFFICULTY WOULD BE IN BREAKING LOOSE SUCH DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS EVEN FOR BRIEFEST OF VISITS TO VENEZUELA. POST FIRMLY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIAL PROGRAM SUCH AS THIS WOULD PROMOTE BILATERAL TIES AT TIME WHEN GOV ACTIVELY WILLING AND ANXIOUS PROMOTE THEM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) CU ORGANIZE A PROGRAM OF THIS KIND FOR FY 78. (2) CU AND USIA MAKE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES. (3) A FEW OF NOBEL LAUREATES BE PUT ON WHITE HOUSE GUEST LIST FOR CAP DINNER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROGRAM BE MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER DURING CAP VISIT. VAKY

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